

OPINION 2351 (Case 3575)

***Haltica undulata* Kutschera, 1860 (currently *Phyllotreta undulata*, Insecta, Coleoptera, CHRYSOMELIDAE): precedence given over *Haltica bivittata* Waterhouse, 1838 (currently *Phyllotreta bivittata*)**

Abstract. The Commission has conserved the name *Phyllotreta undulata* (Kutschera, 1860) for a common and wide spread flea-beetle species (CHRYSOMELIDAE, GALERUCINAE), by giving it precedence over the unused older name *P. bivittata* (Waterhouse, 1838), whenever these names are considered to be synonyms.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; CHRYSOMELIDAE; GALERUCINAE; *Phyllotreta*; *P. undulata*; Eurasia; North America; Australia; Pacific region.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power precedence is hereby given to the name *Phyllotreta undulata* (Kutschera, 1860) for a common and widespread flea-beetle species (CHRYSOMELIDAE, GALERUCINAE) by giving it precedence over the unused older name *P. bivittata* (Waterhouse, 1838), whenever these names are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The name *undulata* Kutschera, 1860, as published in the binomen *Haltica undulata* is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *bivittata* Waterhouse, 1838, as published in the binomen *Haltica bivittata*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (3) The name *bivittata* Waterhouse, 1838, as published in the binomen *Haltica bivittata*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name *undulata* Kutschera, 1860, as published in the binomen *Haltica undulata*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

History of Case 3575

An application to conserve the name *Phyllotreta undulata* (Kutschera, 1860) for a common and widespread flea-beetle species (CHRYSOMELIDAE, GALERUCINAE), by giving it precedence over the unused older name *P. bivittata* (Waterhouse, 1838) was received from Chris Reid (*Entomology, Australian Museum, Sydney, NSW, Australia*), Roger Booth (*Department of Entomology, Natural History Museum, U.K.*) and Manfred Döberl (*Seeweg 34, 93326 Abensberg, Germany*) on 12 September 2011. After correspondence the Case was published in BZN **69**: 24–28 (March 2012). The title, abstract and keywords of the Case were published on the Commission's website. A comment in support was published in BZN **70**(3): 201. The Case was sent for vote on 5 June 2014.

Decision of the Commission

At the close of the voting period on 5 September 2014 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 22: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Ng, Pape, Patterson, Rosenberg, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 1: van Tol.

Pyle and Štys were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on the Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Haltica undulata, Kutschera, 1860, *Wiener Entomologische Monatschrift*, **10**(4): 301

Haltica bivittata, Waterhouse, 1838, *Transactions of the Entomological Society of London*, **2**(2): 133.